

Animal Control

Service Statistics

	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04	FY 2004-05
Animal licenses sold	48,241	50,241	51,371
Calls dispatched/cases	20,612	23,811	20,878
Animals impounded	4,248	4,539	4,029
Dogs and cats claimed by owner	1,803	1,858	1,661
Dogs and cats unclaimed and transferred to shelter	2,320	2,320	2,368
Court citations issued	1,154	1,224	748
Warning/defect tickets issued	5,154	5,510	4,344
Bite cases reported	531	560	523
Pet shop, large animal, cattery, and other permits issued	97	109	123
Animal neglect investigations	1,005	885	980
Lost and found queries	2,403	2,053	1,668
Calls for information, service requests, and others	59,025	50,889	44,859
Wildlife removal	518	680	545
Injured animal rescue	1,465	1,342	1,206
Dogs declared potentially dangerous	131	126	118
Dogs declared dangerous	31	41	32
Dogs declared vicious	5	0	1
Biter animals signed over to Animal Control	18	16	6



Animal Control Officers perform a wide range of duties when protecting the rights of animal owners and non-owners. Public health and safety is accomplished through a combination of education and enforcement. Services provided by Animal Control include:

- License sales
- Bites and attacks (prevention and investigation)
- Wildlife removal
- Sanitation
- Injured animal calls
- Noise
- Cruelty and neglect
- Animals at large



Heroes: City of Lincoln  
Animal Control Officers  
Jesse Dunn, DeMon Wimes,  
Diane Hoy, Cheryl Bomberger,  
Melissa Brown, and  
Scott Lowry (not pictured)



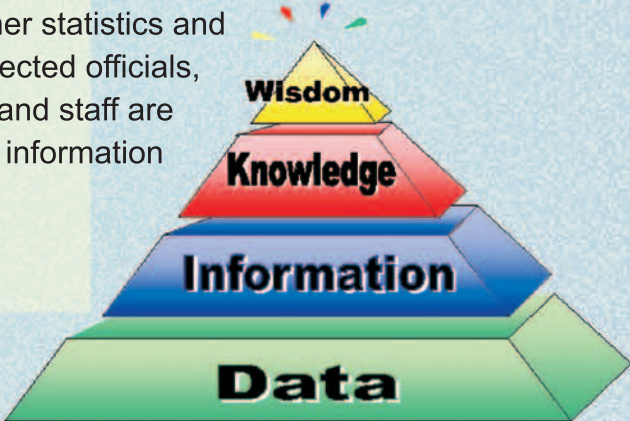
2005 Tribute to Heroes  
In The Line Of Duty Award

Nominator: Kris Johnson  
Sponsored by: BryanLGH Medical Center

When a Class 4 tornado hit Hallam, Nebraska last May, the first concern was for residents' safety. Soon another need became evident. Just after midnight that Sunday morning, the first call came in to Animal Control. Within the hour, six officers were on their way to Hallam where, at great danger to themselves, they searched ruined homes and businesses for lost or stranded animals.

Using Data to Make Decisions

Bridging the gap between data information and knowledge requires looking beyond raw numbers. The Division of Information and Fiscal Management is responsible for bringing together statistics and facts so that elected officials, policy makers and staff are able to access information and apply the knowledge.



Communicable  
Disease & Public Health



The Communicable Disease program exists to prevent and minimize the spread of communicable disease within the community. This is accomplished through: surveillance, disease investigation, data gathering and analysis, outbreak control, education and prevention.

During the past year, considerable attention was given to conducting epidemiological follow-up on food-borne illnesses and monitoring and tracking infectious diseases such as Pertussis (whooping cough) and influenza. Recent attention has been given to the development of a local plan that could be used in the event there would be a pandemic flu outbreak such as Avian (bird) Flu.

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency response exercises were also carried out to prepare Health Department personnel and local emergency responders in the event there would be a chemical or biological threat to our community. Preparation and planning for both intentional and unintentional public health threats is done in cooperation with local, state and federal agencies and personnel. Lincoln is also fortunate to have in place the Metropolitan Medical Response System which is aimed at improving our medical response to a catastrophic event.

Lancaster County Pertussis Cases

By Onset Month and Year - 2004 to 2005

